

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 30, 1900, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Ave. Washington, D. C. April 30th. 1900.

Sandisan my own dear, I feel so sorry to think that I haven't written you these three days. I meant to write every day but didn't. I have thought of you however and am counting the days until you return. There are plenty of people here but without you the main reason for existence seems gone.

Mrs. Pratt and Bessie work away steadily in your study. They preferred to stay there and it being once understood that they were not to be disturbed, disturbed they have not been. Elsie was the only one who interfered before — her case was exceptional. I like having them here. It does not feel so deserted in your study with some life there working steadily on. Mrs. Kennan came on Saturday and staid until this afternoon — Monday — Then Mrs. McCurdy went as far as Philadelphia with her and she went on to New York where Mr. Kennan meets her — and they leave for Baddeck Tuesday — tomorrow. I wish you could meet them and if there chance to be any flowers in Beinn Bhreagh send some over. Mr. Kennan is quite seriously ill, the Cuban fever left some poison in his system which is still making trouble and he has now had to give up his work and is going to Baddeck to live entirely out of doors for one year. I think Mrs Kennan feels troubled, although she will not show it and Mr. Kennan I am sure does not wish notice taken of the fact that he is not quite well, still a little extra friendliness just now when both Mr. and Miss McCurdy are away, would be very grateful to them.

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Elsie is still in Paterson. Bert leaves today for a week in Philadelphia where he is going to write his thesis for his degree of M.A. He was in today looking all the better for Elsie's absence.

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I don't think of anything more to say, except that I love you very dearly. I am sorry Professor Newcomb could not go with you,

Lovingly, Mabel.